

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL SESSION

April 18, 2005

Closed Session 5:15 p.m.

Special Session 6:00 p.m.

The Special Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Alice Dowdin presiding and City Clerk Joseph Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley, Mike Holmes, Keith Nesbitt, Bob Snyder, Alice Dowdin

Council Members Absent: Alice Dowdin (for Roll Call only)

Staff Members Present: City Manager Bob Richardson
City Attorney Charles Wachob
Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogio
Public Works Director Charles Clark
Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder
Airport Manager Jerry Martin

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code section 54957.6: **MOTION: Snyder/Nesbitt/Approved by voice/Absent: Dowdin**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Agency designated representatives: David Mackowiak, Robert Richardson

Employee organizations: All City employee groups

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's Proclamation: Youth Temperance Education Week, April 24-28, 2005
Mayor's Presentation: Annabell McCord

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Warrants**
By **RESOLUTION 05-40** approve Warrants #59701 through 59977 totaling \$885,202.85.
2. **Nevada Street at Fulweiler Avenue Traffic Signal**

By **RESOLUTION 05-41** authorize the Director of Public Works to record a Notice of Completion for the Nevada Street at Fulweiler Avenue Traffic Signal Project.
3. **Council Meeting Tapes Archived in DVD Format**

By **RESOLUTION 05-42** fund ACTV \$500.00 for the purchase of a DVD Recorder to enable the City of Auburn to archive Council Meeting tapes in DVD format.
4. **Quarterly Report – City Manager 2004-2005 Discretionary Fund Activity**

Informational. No City Council action is required.
5. **Appointment of City Manager as the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board**

By **RESOLUTION 05-43** appoint the City Manager as the Advisory Board for Auburn Old Town and Downtown Districts.
6. **Budget Adjustment for Community Funding Requests**

Item removed by Council Member Nesbitt; follows Consent Calendar.

7. **Nella Oil Lease Amendment and Assignment of Lease and Option**

By **RESOLUTION 05-45** approve Lease Amendment, Assignment of Lease and Option with Nella Oil and authorize City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar as amended. **MOTION: Hanley/Snyder/Approved 5:0**

8. **Budget Adjustment for Community Funding Requests**

Council Member Nesbitt said he would like to increase the City Manager's discretionary fund by \$1,250 because between "*now and the end of the fiscal year I would not be surprised that there would be a few other incidental items that would come before us and I think it might just clear some of this stuff off our plate.*" This will replenish the City Manager's discretionary fund by the same amount it was reduced by about a year ago.

Dan Sokol of Auburn protested giving this money away when there are more important needs.

By **RESOLUTION 05-44** approve funding for the State of the Community Dinner in the amount of \$1,000 and the Rotary Fun Run in the amount of \$250.00. **MOTION: Holmes/Nesbitt/Approved 5:0**

MOTION TO AMEND Resolution to fund the request with the caveat that tickets not be provided to Council Members individually. **MOTION: Hanley/Snyder/Approved by voice.**

9. **Public Comment**

Council Member Holmes said the Hook and Ladder Company is planning to hold a golf tournament on June 20th at the Ridge to raise funds for the rehabilitation of the old firehouse on El Dorado Street.

Mr. Holmes said he had a meeting at Placer High with the leadership class and spoke to them about their involvement in local government and got some suggestions about things they are concerned about. He suggested to the Council that a Youth Commission be set up, made up of youth from the community, to provide input to what the adults are doing.

Mr. Holmes said he received a complaint about an open trench on Valley View Drive at Harrington. It is not draining and there is concern about mosquitoes.

Mr. Holmes said that during the Cap-to-Cap trip to Washington D.C. he dropped off the proposal for the Performing Arts Center at Congressman Doolittle's office. He received some favorable comments.

Mayor Dowdin congratulated all those who finished the American River Fifty Mile Run held last weekend.

REPORTS

10. City Council Committee Reports

Council Member Snyder released a survey of the transportation needs in the Placer County area. He said that the local and County transportation and Caltrans have about a 68% negative rating among the populace.

Keith Nesbitt reported on the Traffic Committee and the EDC. He also reported that the donations to the Boys and Girls Club are down this year.

Kevin Hanley reported on the Pedestrian Master Plan.

Mike Holmes said that Placer County Air Pollution Control District voted to approve the grant of 50% for hybrid cars for the City of Auburn.

Alice Dowdin said that on the Cap-to-Cap trip to Washington she received good input as to other funding sources for wastewater and other needs.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

11. Pacific Housing and Finance Agency Joint Powers Authority

Dave Elders, Executive Director of Pacific Housing and Finance Agency (PHFA) gave the presentation. He explained how the City of Auburn's membership in the PHSA Joint Powers Authority would help individuals and families with incomes up to 140% of the area median income become homeowners through a lease-to-own program.

Rebecca Ante said that she and her family have been in this area for several years and cannot afford to buy a home. This program is a dream come true. Otherwise they will have to move elsewhere.

By **RESOLUTON 05-46** approve City of Auburn membership in the Pacific Housing and Finance Agency Joint Powers Authority. **MOTION: Holmes/Snyder/Approved 5:0**

12. **Annual Business Improvement Districts (BID Report Review and Resolution of Intention for Assessment for Fiscal year 2005-2006**

Harvey Roper discussed the written report and budget for the Downtown Business Association and the Old Town Business Association.

A. By **MOTION** approve the annual reports as filed by the City appointed Advisory Board for the Downtown and Old Town Business Associations (Report "I" and "II"). **MOTION: Holmes/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

B. By **RESOLUTION 05-47** declare intention to levy and annual assessment for the Auburn Merchants Parking and Business Improvement Area (Downtown) and the Auburn Historic Auburn Parking and Business Area (Old Town) Bid's. **MOTION: Holmes/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

13. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

Informational Item. Public Works Director Charles Clark discussed the Wastewater Treatment Plant's operations, plans and budget as outlined in his written report.

14. **Boys & Girls Club Breakfast Funding Request**

Council Member Nesbitt, liaison to the Boys & Girls Club, said the Club's membership is up, but the contributions are down. The annual breakfast is one of their biggest fund-raising events. He said this organization does so much good and is such a worthwhile cause that it deserves this contribution from the City.

Council Member Snyder agreed with Nesbitt, but not about supporting them with tax dollars. He said there are 150 organizations in the area that would love to have City money. The City already subsidizes the Club in the form of \$18,000 in rent for seven years, another \$60,000 last week and we will be giving them a site for a new building that is probably worth another \$200,000.

Council Member Holmes agreed with Snyder and added that it is inappropriate for the City.

Council Member Hanley said that since this contribution does not benefit the economic development of the City and is really for a charity, the City should not be involved.

Mayor Dowdin added that she cannot support this request. The City has done so much for them already.

Dan Sokol of Auburn said the City should not fund this request.

The Council took no action.

ADJOURNMENT at 812 p.m.

Alice Dowdin, Mayor

Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk